

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The most recent Official Action does not raise any issues concerning Claims 1-16 and it is thus understood that such claims are allowable. This conclusion is consistent with the Examiner's comments during a telephone conference between the undersigned and the Examiner just prior to issuance of the most recent Official Action.

During the aforementioned telephone conference, the Examiner also indicated that Claim 17 would be allowable if amended to recite that when the detecting means detects that the vehicle is not stopped the determining means does not determine whether a child restraint system is equipped on the vehicle seat. The Examiner needed to act on this application immediately and so the applicants were not able to provide the Examiner with a response to this proposal. By this Amendment, Claim 17 is amended to recite that when the detecting means detects that the vehicle is not stopped the determining means does not determine whether a child restraint system is equipped on the vehicle seat. It is thus believed that independent Claim 17 is allowable, together with the associated dependent claims.

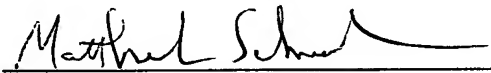
As all of the claims in this application are believed to be allowable, early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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